# THE HOME AND ITS INTERESTS



#### THE INTERMEDIATE MODEL.

There seems to be an evenly divided opinion as to the popularity of large and small hats, so one may wear which ever is most becoming and still be in the fashion. A happy medium is offered in above sketch and sure to win high favor. It is black satin beaver, with white underbrim, and the semi-high crown is encircled with soft black satin ribbon. The ostrich tips so artistically

## How to Care for Furniture and Keep It Nice at Moving Time

### Packing Delicate Pieces to Prevent Scratching or Breaking in Transit-Work Not Difficult.

Half the expense of moving house and as ready for use as if they had hold goods in the October exodus can not been moved.

be saved by those who are changing In packing fine cut glass, bric-a-brace apartments if some member of the and china, barrels should be used in-family will properly pack the furniture, stead of boxes, for the former are easier apartments if some member of the family will properly pack the furniture, china, delicate bric-a-brac, fine hangings, etc., for carting, and thus save the cost of having them boxed or crated. Packing the frailest piece of cut glass, or crating a big, highly polished desk or chair is not difficult work for an inexperienced woman when she understands that everything must be properly protected from scratches or breakage by pads and carefully wrapped with paper or excelsior, on breakage by pads and carefully wrapped with paper or excelsior, on with both, as is essential with fine chinaware.

Heavy pieces of mahogany, oak, etc., that are not elaborately carved, require little preparation before the moving, often only a heavy blanket being thrown over the top of a big desk, table, etc., to prevent scratching. A piano, in any style, if covered with a blanket or regulation rubber fleece lined robe should keep the highly pollished surface.

And china, barrels should be used instead of boxes, for the former are easier to handle. Barrels are usually rolled in moving, while boxes are turned end over end, which is hard for delicate chinaware. According to one of the big storage warehouses:

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should keep the highly polished surface free from bruises or scratches, if it is carefully crated. If big furniture is handsomely decorated and the ornamentation is in places where it might and padding of soft wrapping paper should be placed on the prominent corners' to save them from injury. Beds, settees, couches should either be or crated to move them with safety.

#### Upholstered Furniture.

Upholstered furniture.

Upholstered furniture should first be entirely covered with fine tissue paper, bound in place by strings, and then wrapped with burlap that must be sewed on to keep it in place. Fancy gold furniture and pleces with delicate spindle legs should be packed with the utmost care to prevent marring the polish or breaking. The legs and arms are carefully wrapped with soft tissue paper and then covered with wrapping paper that is bound with cord. The crates, made of lightweight pine boards, entirely cover the furniture, which is held firmly in them by cleats that screw to the bottom of the seat on a chair or to the back of a desk, etc., and are then nailed to the crate to prevent the plece from slipping. If the seat and back are upholstered with fine veilour, slik damask, etc., they should be well covered with tissue paper that is held in place by heavy wrapping paper and twine.

Pictures in expensive frames should be boxed in moving just as valuable paintings are protected by fastening two slats or cleats to the top and bottom at the back of the frame and then nailing these into a box, one above the other and far enough apart to prevent any injury by scratching or breaking. The slats hold them securely in the box, and no top should be nailed on unless the furniture is to be shipped out of the furniture is to be shipped out

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Books are probably the easiest of all the belongings to pack, because if they are carefully placed in a box that is lined with heavy wrapping paper, and enough of them are put in to prevent slipping, they can be moved any distance without rubbing the edges or trumpling the paper. The best plan is to pack them with the backs up and blace one row on top of another. If he box is not filled, the unoccupied space should be stuffed with soft rags, tc., to hold the books steady. All loth and leather bound volumes should be boxed in this way, but the de luxe ditions in fine kid, slik and satin bindings should be carefully wrapped in tissue paper before packing.

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Long silk draperies, costly hangings, heavy carpets, etc., are folded and put in paper lined boxes with a sheet covering the top to keep out dust. To prevent creases that are frequently difficult to get out of silk portieres or Wilton and velvet carpets a pad of thick wrapping paper should be put between the folds, to when unpacked they will be smooth is a when unpacked they will be smooth is a suppressed.

In the mattresses, roll them over and over with burlap, or if there are box springs place the bedding between them and the mattress and then put large rage box springs place the bedding between them and the mattress and then put large rage.

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## "When filled the top should be put on

and marked 'top,' and every woman should insist that the man carting her furniture should keep the barrel bottom down. Less expensive chinaware can be packed without tissue paper by putting layers of excelsior around each piece Four or five plates can be tied together with excelsior between them, and placed around the sides of a barrel previously lined with excelsior. Each package must, of course, be surrounded with enough of this packing to prevent one set



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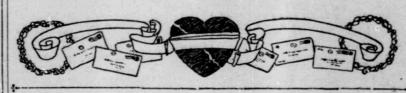
The birds have just awakened me from a sound slumber, warbling their ve notes to one another, and before I lose the inspiration I must warble notes to you from the frieness of that susceptible organ in my bosom called the heart. Aft nature seems to dance with joy, and I try to catch the general meter, but alas! I can only wiggle. If you were here nature could excel me in antics of delight; but now I watch the grass sprout up like whiskers, see the opening buds and flowers, and only hope and pray that ere they are chilled by the autumn frost you and I will have stormed the fort that has been builded between us. History does not record a case where the garrison of a fort does not fight for its defense, but here is a case where the garrison, her white flag of surrender fluttering to tatters, is praying for the downfall of the fort. "All is well that ends well," and I am sure that such love as ours cannot fall to break down the barriers and bring supreme happiness to us some time.

Do not worry about my working too hard, and, for mercy's sake, don't scold; you can catch more flies with molasses than you can with vinegar My school work is not very hard, and the outside work I am doing is m recreation. How true it is that love lightens labor! Everything that I do is so pleasant because it is all for you, love.

You ask what constitutes double cussedness. me for two long months, and now you just imagine that I have grown cross and pernickity like schoolmarms in general; and suppose I were to land at your front door with a couple of trunks, a bandbox, suit case, a parrot, canary bird, a couple of cats and a pug dog-I think you would then have a dreamy idea of what double cussedness is. But I don't intend to give you any practical illustration of it. Oh, no! Our home life, I am sure, can truthfully be labeled "Glimpses of Heaven" instead of the other place.

I am not at all pleased to hear of Robert's marriage. It is true that Nellie is a very pretty girl and a stylish one, but if my judgment serves me she will be a very troublesome article to live with. I do hope, how ever, that I have a mistaken idea of her, for Robert deserves the best there is in the market. Poor boy! his only fault is in being too easily duped by a pretty face and a fine gown. He does not consider the true worth of an article. A fox smelling about a trap does not stop to think what roost the chicken comes from-the first thing he knows his paw is caught, and I feat it has been so with Robert.

But perhaps Nellie sympathizes with you in your choice quite as I do with Robert. She always thought it was a pity that I was not more of a lady like my sisters, but somehow I never cared what she said as long as I suited you. All the world may shout "country" at my heels; if you whisper love in my ear I am content. Fondly yours.





#### SMART COAT FOR THE DEMOISELLE.

The loose double-breasted sacque coat is deservedly a favorite for the halfgrown girl, on whom any semblance of a fitted garment but serves to accentuate the awkward angles of the immature figure. The back has a yoke over the shoulders, to which the full part is pleated, the pleats pressed flat to maintain the shape. The fronts are double-breasted, fastening with a double row of large buttons. Stitched straps of semi-circular shape serve for trimming effect both back and front; and the collar is a replica of these. The sleeve is the usual tailored pattern; and pockets are inserted at convenient angles on either side of the fronts. In cheviot, serge, and even heavier goods this makes

#### WOMEN SOLD AND WHIPPED.

Henry W. Nevinson, who is now back n England, after his strenuous expedidon to Africa to investigate the slave dignified bearing, refined and correct altrade, contributes his third article to

#### NOT JUST WHAT SHE MEANT.

The former head of a large private school in Cleveland was a gentleman of ways in manner and speech. By birth Harper's Magazine for October, and ex-poses the true state of affairs under and doubtless of straight Puritan extraction. One day in his boyhood his mother called him in from the yard where he was playing with some other boys to say to him, in a tone suggestive of mingled sadness and severity:

> hear you use a swear word.' "Why, mother," said the boy, "I didn't use any swear word. I only said 'the devil.' Nobody thinks that's swearing."
> "I don't care," cried the mother quicky. "It's making light of sacred things."
> —Cleveland Leader.

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#### Various Ways of Cooking Cauliflower

that can be used as a separate course It follows the roast and is served very hot with plain drawn butter sauce, bechamel, mushroom, hollandaise, or mousseline sauce as preferred. For many palates the cauliflower is never quite perfection unless dredged generously with grated Parmesan cheese in the cooking or just before serving.

Before cooking cauliflower in any way it should be placed head down in cold salted water, to draw out possible insects. In cooking use boiling water, lightly salted, again placing the head downward in the kettle. The vegetable should be cooked just to the point, but not sodden. Overcooking makes it strong and dark. In selecting cauliflower choose those whose flowerets are a creamy white, free from brownish spots and with fresh green leaves and stalk. Among the many different methods of serving this vegetable none are better than these:

Cauliflower au Gratin. It follows the roast and is served very

#### Cauliflower au Gratin.

Select a firm, well shaped cauliflower and after the preliminary soaking in quarter of an inch thick. Follow with a lighter coat of sifted bread crumbs dotted with bits of butter moistened with a tablespoonful of olive oil, then bake until a golden brown crust re-sults.

#### Cauliflower Fritters.

Soak and boil the cauliflower in the usual way, then separate into flowerets Dip each piece into a thin batter, plunge into boiling fat and fry a delicate brown. Serve very hot on a napkin. If preferred the pieces may be dipped in a mixture of salt, pepper, vinegar and oil, then fried.

#### Cauliflower Mayonnaise.

Take cold boiled cauliflower, break into branches, adding salt, pepper and into branches, adding salt, pepper and vinegar to season. Heap on a platter, making the flowers come to a point at the top. Surround with a garnish of cooked and diced carrots, turnips and green peas, pour mayonnaise over all, chill and serve. Another pretty garnish for cauliflower salad is a border of pickled beets cut in points and a star of the beet points in the center of the salad. Mask with mayonnaise.

#### Scrambled Cauliflower.

Trim off the coarse outer leaves of nice head of cauliflower, and after soaking and cooking, drain well, then divide branches. Sprinkle with nutmeg, and pepper, and toss in the frying with hot butter or olive oil.

### Walled Cauliflower.

After a head of cauliflower has soaked he requisite time in cold salted water, wrap in a piece of tarletan or cheese-cloth and cook until tender in boiling cloth and cook until tender in boiling, salted water. Drain in a sieve until the superfluous water is disposed of, then place whole in the center of a large pudding dish. Have ready some hot mashed potatoes, well seasoned with salt, pepper, and butter—no milk—and place a wall of this around the cauliflower. Make a rich brown butter sauce, using a tablespoonful each of butter and flower. Cook together until brown, adding gradually one cupful each of milk and cream. Cook until smooth and creamy, add two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese (preferably Swiss, though any other will answer), boil up once and turn over the cauliflower and potatoes. Bake ten or fifteen minutes until brown, then serve. This is hearty enough to take the place of meat dinner occasionally.

#### Cauliflower With Mushroom Sauce. Cook the cauliflower the usual way un

tender. Drain, divide in flowerets, not too large, and arrange on slices of hot buttered toast. Have ready to pour hot buttered toast. Have ready to pour over it a mushroom sauce made in this way: Scrape and wipe a half dozen good-sized mushrooms and lay in a saucepan, together with two tablespoonfuls of butter melted. Let them then stand in the hot butter for ten minutes; then simmer gently for six minutes; add one tablespoonful of flour, and as soon as blended with the butter pour in one cup of milk; cook until thickened, seasoning with salt, pepper, and nutmes; draw to one side of the fire and stir in quickly the volk of one egg well beaten, but do not let it cook, or it will curdle; add one tablespoonful each of lemon juice and minced parsley; pour over the toast and serve hot.

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